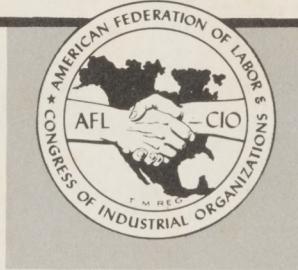


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"I have never talked to you this way before, but I am deeply disturbed, and I am going to get these things off my chest.

"You have violated the trust I placed in you. You have used me -- deliberately used me -- to further your own ends, while you were pretending to do something else. You have raised all the same controversies in this document that caused the trouble two years ago, and after promising me that you would not do so.

"At that time, I went far out of my way to protect you. I will not go through it again. I have all I can handle with the AMA, and the local medical societies. I will not be dragged into a messy situation of your devising.

"Something has happened to your sense of proportion and perspective since you started this project. When you started, you agreed with me this was to be a strictly factual, objective, quantitative study of health attitudes and practices. Now you give me a manuscript that is filled with unsupported opinions, value judgments, on a lot of subjects that have nothing to do with your original topic. You have been serving your union purposes while pretending to do a piece of scholarly research.

"Now, here is what I am going to insist on. I will appoint an editor who has no preconceptions in this field, who will go through this thing with a red pencil, and mark all those places where your bias shows through. I am going to ask that you yourself go through the entire manuscript and give me your solemn assurance that whenever you ~~xxx~~ quote something critical of the bracero program you quote something from the other side, if it exists. And the entire last chapter is your own opinion. I regret it even got into the hands of the advisory committee. I want you to replace it with a last chapter which rounds up the health aspects of the study -- particularly the methodological aspects.

"I do not propose to discuss these things further. They are going to be done, and that is all there is to it.

"I am really sick at heart."

Edward S. Rogers, M.D.,  
5/12/60,  
re manuscript of "The Bracero  
in California"

*cf. letter of next day*